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## President's Corner



Marc Poleon

All,

It's a wonderful privilege to continue to address you as your president. I know there are likely many that will read this who were not at the election, as there were only 69 members signed in for the meeting.

Which brings me to an ongoing point. It's your club, come be a part of it, vote, participate with the work party, use the ranges, and come to events. These are all things that you pay to be able to do, and I encourage you to be active and get your money's worth.

As far as being active and involved in the club, I understand everyone is in a different place in life. But we are always looking for committee involvement, work party involvement, and volunteers for special events. This year I hope to see committees drive club functions and projects as that is the role of a committee.

Along the lines of roles and commitments, I have some plans for the year myself. It was brought up at the election, but for those that were not there, the new chip policy, revamping of the chip system, and better accountability will be implemented.

Additionally, a large focus of the board this year will be to provide the club with an updated set of bylaws. The approach I am planning to take is to redo the book top to bottom, and vote in the entirety of changes as a whole in one meeting. The goal of this is to simply update the club bylaws from a limited and dated seven pages of bylaws to a full set of guidelines policies and procedures that will match the growth and changes in the club since the bylaws were originally written. Again, I would love to see these changes be developed and pushed by the appropriate committee and finalized by the board. Change can be hard, but if everyone is involved it doesn't have to be scary.

I am looking forward to another great year at the club, and as always, please lean on me and your board as we are here to serve the club. It's a privilege to call myself your president. As always stay safe and I will see you at the club.

Sincerely,  
Marc Poleon

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## Club Hours

### Shoot Room Trap & Skeet

Wed 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

- Last call 8:30 pm

Sat & Sun: 10 am – 4:00 pm

- Last call 3:30 pm

### Sporting Clays

Sat & Sun: 10 am – 4:00 pm

- Last call 2:30 pm

### Indoor Pistol Range

8 am – 9:45 pm daily

### Outdoor Pistol & Outdoor Rifle Ranges

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 8:59 pm  
or dark (whichever is first)

Sat & Sun: 10 am – 8:59 pm  
or dark (whichever is first)

### Kitchen & Bar

Wed: 5 pm – 9 pm

- Last call 8:45 pm

Sat & Sun: 9 am – 4 pm

- Last call 3:30 pm

*Rentals: dates and times on Range Calendar*

Sportscaster



**No General Members Meeting this month**

**Shoot Room Trappers Needed**  
Part-Time Position  
Must be available to work:  
Wednesday 5 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm  
See Jake for info

**NRA AT TSC**  
Did you know you can join the NRA through TSC?  
  
You can join the NRA through TSC and get a "Club Discount"  
  
Just go to our website...  
  
[www.TonSportsClub.com](http://www.TonSportsClub.com) and click on the NRA Logo on our Home Page.. It will give you all the current "Club Rates and discounts" even for Life Membership. You can pay via c.c. or PayPal.  
  
If you cannot join via the website, you can sign up by contacting Rick Wood at [rwood1050@aol.com](mailto:rwood1050@aol.com)

**New Board Members**

Congratulations to our three new TSC Board Members. They are Jeremy Lefort, Dan English, and Joe Tirone. If you don't already know them, look them up at the club. They all have been putting in quite the effort in keeping the club moving forward. Please help them to achieve what they were elected to do.  
  
The directors at TSC all have a job to do to serve the club members. They can all use your help. Please consider volunteering to serve on one of the committees or help on the work parties.  
  
There is a lot to do at a club our size and many hands make the load light. So please give your support to our new board members as well as those re-elected and serving existing terms. It is a lot of work, but is enjoyable to see our club actives grow. We have several new shooting groups that started this past year. Please come out and join in the fun.

**What's New at the Club**

- Storage expansion garage for shotgun sports completed.
- Electrical equipment upgrades being completed.
- Additional cameras installed for safety and security at the club.
- NRA review underway at all the ranges for safety improvements.

**TSC Shotgun Ammo**

TSC will be receiving the following ammunition:  
  
RIO 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #7.5 shot 1200 fps  
  
Nobel Sport 12 gauge 1 1/8 oz. #8 shot 1145 fps  
  
Nobel Sport 20 gauge 7/8 oz. #8 shot 1275 fps  
  
This will be in addition to the 28 & 16 gauge already available. A \$2.50 NICS check fee will be charged for each transaction.  
  
One flat per transaction. Pricing will be posted. Please be patient as this is a work in progress.

# Upcoming Events

## **CLUB SPONSORED WOMEN'S PAPER FUN EVENT**

Shooting event just for women! Come in and meet other women shooters at TSC and shoot a very fun Paper Event. All levels welcome! **Please bring any 22 Pistol/Rifle or Centerfire Handgun (9/40/45), Magazines, Hearing/Eye Protection, 50 or more rounds of ammunition and a case for your firearm.**

### **For this event:**

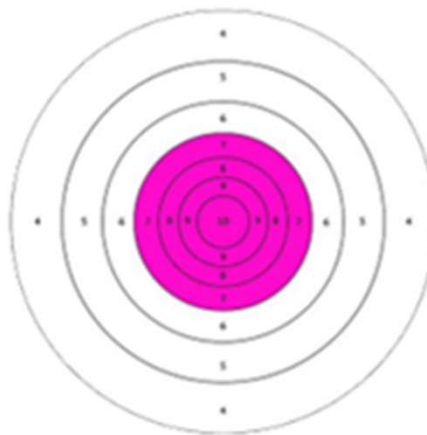
- There will be 2 Relaxed/Easy courses of fire.
- 1 on 1 work with a range officer.
- Range will be 'COLD' (no loaded firearms and no magazines in firearms).
- All firearms must be bagged or boxed.
- Magazines and ammo must be accessible without opening the firearm compartment.

**Who:** Members, wives of members and daughters of members

**When:** Sat Feb 3

**Time:** 9-11 am

**Where:** Indoor Range



*\*No registration necessary*

Questions? Email [women-shooters@tonsportsclub.com](mailto:women-shooters@tonsportsclub.com)

Don't have the proper firearm? Come out anyway. You can still meet other women shooters, learn how to shoot, and help us plan the next event!

## Paper Fun

### Indoor Range

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm – 7 pm

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – 5 pm

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm – 7 pm

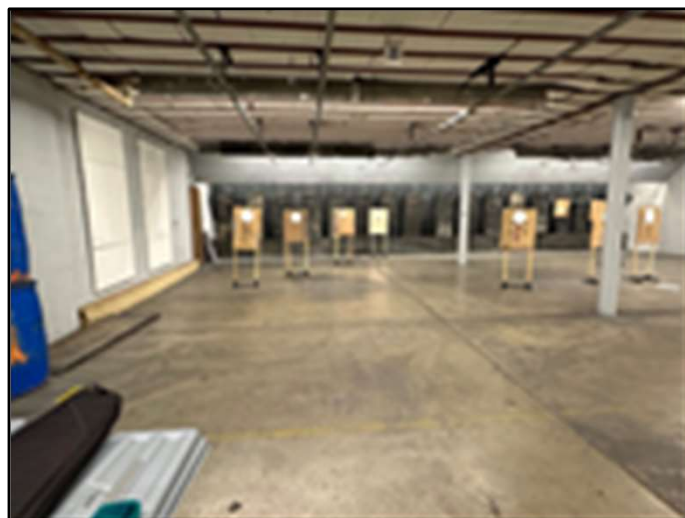
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm – 7 pm

Range will be "COLD" meaning no gun loaded and no magazine in gun.

Guns must be boxed or bagged.

22 LR - pistol or rifle.

Centerfire pistol - 9mm, 40, and 45 caliber.





# TSC TRAP-PALOOZA

Saturday February 17th

## 100 Bird Shoot

Lewis Class Scoring



25 BIRDS 27 YARD HANDICAP  
25 BIRDS WOUBLE TRAP  
50 BIRDS DOUBLES

**\$35.00**

9:00AM Signup  
10:00AM Start

\$10.00 per shooter is prize money

**Breakfast Buffet at 9:00AM**

*Come Celebrate Valentine's Day at TSC- Wed Feb 14*



We will have a Valentines Day Menu.  
Free Dessert for Couples



We at TSC are all about saving your butt. **Wake up!!!**  
**Valentine's Day is in 2 weeks.** Bring her here for  
dinner. \$400 at the Chop House is also a good option.

❖ **2 More Marriage Saving Tips**

- **She told you don't buy me anything for Valentine's Day. IT'S A TRAP.** For the love of god don't buy her that cheap waxy chocolate from the drug store. Also lingerie is for you - not her. If you thinks she wants a toaster find a good divorce attorney. Jewelry - Yes!
- **As she is getting dressed SHE WILL ASK does this outfit make me look fat?** The answer is never, ever yes. Repeat after me. You never looked so beautiful!

# Spring Gun Raffle

## SPRING GUN RAFFLE



Saturday, March 9, 2024

1 PM to 4 PM



Raffle Ticket (with 14 chances to WIN!): \$20 each

### \$20 Main Raffle Ticket Prizes

1. Browning BPS Field Pump Action Shotgun 12 Gauge
2. Ruger Mini-14 Ranch 5.56x45mm Semi Auto Rifle Black
3. Heritage Settler Lever Action Rifle .22 LR
4. Colt Gold Cup Lite .45 ACP Semi-Auto Pistol Stainless
5. Springfield Armory Rimfire Classic Bolt Action Rifle .22LR
6. Glock G19 Gen 5 MOS Semi-Auto Pistol 9mm
7. Browning AB3 Hunter Bolt Action 6.5mm Creedmoor Rifle
8. Winchester SXP Field Pump 20 Gauge 28" Shotgun
9. \$500 Cash
10. Diamondback Sidekick Dual Cylinder .22 LR/.22 WMR Revolver
11. Walther Arms P99 Final Edition Semi-Auto 9mm Luger
12. Colt King Cobra .357 Mag Revolver Stainless
13. Beretta A400 XCEL Sporting 30" Semi-Auto Shotgun 12 Gauge
14. \$500 Cash

Side Raffle: \$5 each

**Ruger  
PC Carbine Semi-Auto Rifle  
9mm Luger**

Side Raffle: \$5 each

**Savage  
93R17 GVXP Bolt Action Rifle .17 HMR  
Mounted and boresighted 3-9x40mm Scope**

Ticket holders need not be present to win. Winners will be contacted by The Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club.



Admission Ticket (sold separately): \$10 each  
(includes food and soda pop)

Tickets Available at the Bar.





**Think your Vote Does Not Matter? Beware of the attempted Assault on the Second Amendment!**

NYS Assemblywoman Chantel Jackson of the 79th District (Bronx, NYC) has introduced legislation which would make it very difficult and expensive to obtain any firearm. It is the Safe Act on steroids . See Assembly Bill 3855 (here is the link). <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/A3855>

Here is the official bill summary:

**2023-A3855 (ACTIVE) - SUMMARY**

Relates to establishing additional requirements to purchase a firearm, shotgun or rifle; requires a person to apply for a hunting license prior to the purchase of a shotgun or rifle; establishes additional requirements for all firearms, shotguns and rifles including taking a five hour gun safety course and exam, passing a shooting range test with 90% accuracy, providing notarized proof of a passed drug test and mental health evaluation, providing proof of purchase of firearm and ammunition safe storage depositories and passing a criminal background check

**Contact your Representative !**



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<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>

## Member Info

### 2023-2024 Tonawanda's Sportsmen's Club Membership Report

Current membership Active: (940)

- ❖ Life Elite: (50)
- ❖ Life Member: (44)
- ❖ Member: (797)
- ❖ Young Adult: (36)
- ❖ 5C Life: (13)

Any questions please contact  
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## League Updates



### WNYPPL A Zone / IPSC

- Practice is every Thursday from 4-7 pm, currently outdoors until October
- See <https://practiscore.com/> and signup for scheduled matches.

Anyone interested in WNYPPL/IPSC information can contact Joe Kopec at [jlko57@outlook.com](mailto:jlko57@outlook.com)

### TSC Suburban Pistol League

This season the SPL decided teams will resume traveling to matches within a 30-minute drive. First relay begins at 7:30 PM (or earlier if the first line is ready)

If you're interested or have any questions about bullseye pistol shooting contact Chris Metro at [cmetro@gmail.com](mailto:cmetro@gmail.com)

### TSC 900 League Matches:

Contact Bob Metro for practice and match schedule.

### SASS Cowboy League Matches Next April will resume

Contact Rick Wood for more information at [rwood1050@aol.com](mailto:rwood1050@aol.com)

### Steel Challenge League Matches Next April will resume.

Contact Dave Wilde for more information at [davis.wilde@outlook.com](mailto:davis.wilde@outlook.com)

### TSC Shotgun News

The 2023-2024 TSC Winter League

Five (5) scores must be posted Sunday December 3rd.

Eight (8) scores must be posted by Sunday January 7th.

The following Lewis Class Scoring fun events are scheduled as follows:

Monday January 1st-Annual "Hangover" Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday February 17th – Trap-Palooza

Doubles Trap, Wobble Trap & 27 Yard Trap (100 birds total)

Sunday March 17th – The Irish Ironman Shoot

Sporting Clays, Wobble Trap & Skeet (100 birds total)

Saturday April 13th – TSC Club championship. (100) bird shoot; Trap, Skeet & Wobble Trap

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# Safety at TSC

It is each members responsibility for shooting safely. If you see something, say something. If you're hunting, merely stating "safety on?" after someone shoots, is good common sense.

Correcting a newcomer at any range will create safer surroundings for all. Be nice, we all were new to shooting sports at one time. Helping another shooter practice safe firearm procedures is win-win.

This is OUR Club, therefore ALL members need to be aware of their surroundings, whether eating, shooting or walking to their vehicle. If you're new to firearms, please ask for assistance, someone is always happy to help.

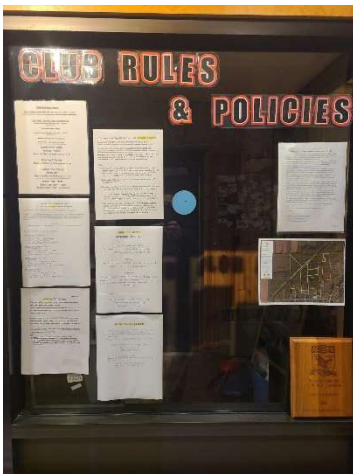
Remember, there is no "ego" in safety. A smart shooter is always learning. A "know it all" is usually the one to do something stupid, with a lame excuse that can never undo an unsafe act.

We are all human and we will make mistakes, but if we watch out for each other, we can prevent mistakes from happening.

Safety never sleeps.  
The Board

# Club Resources

Stop here for Club Rules and Policies



Stop here to catch-up on what is happening at your Club



Stop here to see what is in the Club Library, Borrow a book or Contribute a book

## TSC Library

Increase your knowledge! Borrow a book from our library located near the shoot room door.

Our free library has valuable and entertaining information about shooting sports, gun safety, maintenance, hunting, collecting and everything relating to the outdoors.

The shoot room is always accepting books which you may wish to donate.

Much thanks to our librarian Greg Metzger.



We have expanded our club "library". Please feel free to donate any books or informational resources you have on .hunting, fishing, firearms and conservation. Hard cover and/or softcover books accepted.

# HUNTING ON TSC PROPERTY

All hunting on TSC property is for members only. No guests are allowed to hunt - Deer, Turkey, Rabbit, Goose, Duck, etc. You can hunt anywhere on TSC property – marked in “RED” on the TSC map. For permission for a youth hunter to join you, contact the Board of Directors.

**Exception: Pheasant hunting (during morning hunt hours on Saturday and Sunday only – if you are a guest of a “351” member and has the permission of the “351” coordinator), this is allowed due to the additional fees involved in Pheasant hunting.**

Many of our maps are broken into “Zones” (for Pheasant hunting purposes). Some old maps show a Zone #10 (right / east of the Zone #9 fields which previously was leased) which is not TSC property.

**\*\* See latest map on TSC Website \*\***

### Notes:

- ❖ Members are NOT allowed to use personal ATV's or Snow Mobiles on TSC property.
- ❖ “351” will not release Pheasants in Zones 6 & 7 (North of the Railroad Bed) during Deer Bow and Shot Gun season (so minimal Pheasant Hunters will be in those fields throughout the Deer Bow and Shot Gun season thus leaving it more pleasurable to Deer Hunt in that area).
- ❖ You MUST be a Member of TSC & the “351” Pheasant program to hunt Pheasants on our property.

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## Deer hunting/tree stand policy

All tree stands must be manufactured. No homemade or wood constructed stands allowed. Stands cannot be installed until **Sept 1st** and must be removed by **Jan 5th** each season.

A safety harness MUST be used in/on all stands (ladder, hang on & climbers), no exceptions. Members must have their name & phone number attached to any stands installed on Club property.

# Proper shooting locations for all Guns at TSC

## Shot Gun Patterning Board (Shotguns ONLY)

The Shotgun Patterning Board is located to the left of Field #1. The Patterning board can help Trap or Skeet Shooters find their guns “point of impact”.

This is important in finding where your gun's shot pattern is relative to the clay target. You should grease the steel plate face and then place a spent (used) shotgun shell on the center peg to aim at. There is grease and a roller for your use located behind the board.

Stand approximately even with the back side of Skeet house #1. Shoot 2 or 3 rounds at the spent shell. If your pattern is high or low or too far left or right, you can adjust the comb or vent rib, and retry your shot. Hopefully, this will result in more shot reaching the clay target. Please remember to use short brass with 7 ½ to 9 shot size and lead shot only.

**No Steel Shot, Deer Slugs, Rifles or Pistols are allowed**

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## Shot Gun Home Defense Gun Board

**Permanently Removed**

The Outdoor Pistol Range Stations 1 & 2 can be used for Shotgun. All members that have completed the Outdoor Pistol Range training can use these stations for shotgun.

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## Outdoor Rifle Range

- All Shooting must take place from the bench under the shelter at fixed distances with no portable stands. Shoot only at targets in your lane. Cross-lane shooting prohibited.
  - (10) Rifle Stations: Only long guns and Carbines can be shot on these stations. Shotguns with deer slugs only.
  - (2) Pistol Stations: Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on these stations.

## Indoor Pistol Range

- Access to range is granted only after attending the indoor range safety course
- All rules of the indoor range will be covered in the safety course, all attendees are required to fire and hit a 12' target 5 out of 5 times at 20'.

## Outdoor Pistol Range

- Shooters using the target frames must be on the same line.
- Bring 24" x 18" to 24" cardboard with you, down to the frames to staple or tape your target onto and place into the target frame.
- If you wish to have a table to set equipment on, bring your own.
- Only Pistol Calibers and Rimfire can be used on this Range. See rule book for specifics.

Please see complete list of all rules posted inside club near the shoot room.

## Trap/Skeet & Sporting Clay Course

- Field/Sporting shotguns only with 7 ½ to 9 shot size.

## MANDATORY PISTOL & RIFLE RANGE SAFETY CLASS

In order to use the Indoor/Outdoor Pistol or Rifle Range, you must take the **MANDATORY** Safety Course for that range. Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a **YELLOW** lanyard for the outdoor pistol range, a **BLUE** lanyard for the rifle range or a key fob for the indoor range.

An E-blast will be sent each week with class dates & times for the following week.

The classes **WILL NOT** be listed on the Sportscaster or Website.

### Safety Class Process

1. Go to [TonSportsClub.com](http://TonSportsClub.com) > "Club Procedures, Range Rules & Safety Notices" >
2. Pull down and read through the rules for the course you are attending
3. Email [ranges@tonsportsclub.com](mailto:ranges@tonsportsclub.com) with your name and date you will attend the class.
3. Take the class, sign the paperwork & receive your lanyard or key fob.



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# RANGE RENTALS AT TSC

Range Rentals to Federal Agencies is a part of TSC's income and subsidize a portion of our expenses.

Normally the Agency will not stay all day. Very often they are gone by 1-2 pm. If they are gone the Range is open for Member use.

Range Rental Contact: [range.rental@tonsportsclub.com](mailto:range.rental@tonsportsclub.com)

Range Rental criteria:

- The number of Rental days on the Outdoor Pistol Range to Agencies is currently unlimited. An adjustment is being studied to strike a balance between our funding requirements and the availability of the range for our members.

In rare events the Rifle Range maybe also be rented. The allowable number of Rental days is (25) per calendar year on the Rifle Range. Once those are used up, the agency must use an open day on the Pistol Range, or the rental request would be denied.

We try to schedule all rentals on the Pistol Range 1st and the Rifle Range is used as overflow. This allows our members who want to shoot Pistol and Rifle to have an open outdoor range. In these situations, we recommend pistol shooters to leverage the Indoor Pistol Range.

Typically, when you see a rental on the Rifle Range, it will be for several days by the same Federal Agency to do their qualifying all in one week.

Range Rentals		Sportscaster February 2024 "Range Rental" Calendar					Range Rentals	
Outdoor Ranges hours: 9am to 9pm (or dark) / Indoor Range hours: 8am to 10pm (Symbols: I/R - Indoor Pistol Range, O/R - Outdoor Pistol Range, O/RR - outdoor Rifle Range)								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03		
				WNYPL Practice (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		Women Only (I/R) 8:30 am - 11 am		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10		
	Paper Fun (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm	4-H (I/R) 6:30 pm - 8 pm		WNYPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Paper Fun (I/R) 2 pm - 5 pm				WNYPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	Paper Fun (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		Women Only (I/R) 5:30 pm - 8 pm	WNYPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm		TSC 900 Match (I/R) 9 am - 12 pm WNYPL Setup (I/R) 3 pm - 6 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	01	02		
WNYPL Match (I/R) 8 am - 4 pm	Paper Fun (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm			WNYPL (I/R) 4 pm - 7 pm				

# 2024/25 Tonawanda Sportmen's Club Directors

Role	Name	Year Elected	Term End
President	Marc Poleon	Jan '22	Jan '25
Vice President	Joe Kremer	Jan '22	Jan '25
Secretary	Jeremy Lefort	Jan '24	Jan '27
Treasurer	Bill Gersitz	Jan '22	Jan '25
Financial Secretary	Rick Wood	Jan '23	Jan '26
Membership Secretary	Joe Kopec	July '24	Jan '27
Director	Dan English	Jan '24	Jan '27
Director	Joe Tirone	Jan '24	Jan '25
Director	Duane "Jake" Jacobs	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	Dave Wilde	July '23	Jan '26
Director	Tony (Jon) Dulian	Jan '24	Jan '27
Director	Mark Thornton	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	Mike Chotkowski	July '24	Jan '27
Director	Mike Rexford	Jan '23	Jan '26
Director	David Gennuso	Jan '22	Jan '25

Club Items		Sportscaster February 2024 "Club" Calendar					Club Items	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03		
				Elite Skeet 10 am - noon		Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10		
Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm		Elite Skeet 10 am - noon	Trap, Skeet 5:30 pm - 9 pm	Elite Skeet 10 am - noon		Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays 10 am - 4 pm		
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